

CLASS TITLE: DEPUTY CHIEF FOR MARINE FISHERIES

Class Code: 02747900

Pay Grade: 32A

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: In the Division of Fish and Wildlife, to assist in the planning, administration and direction of a statewide program of shellfish and marine fisheries management and conservation; to plan, organize and supervise various programs, projects and research activities involving shellfish and marine environment of Rhode Island for the protection, development and effective utilization of these resources; as directed, to act for the Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife in his/her absence; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of the Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgement and initiative; work is reviewed through conferences and reports for results obtained and for conformance with established policies and objectives.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, coordinates, supervises and reviews the work of technical, operational and clerical staff assigned to the Marine Fisheries Section.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To assist in the planning, administration and direction of a statewide program of marine fish and shellfish management and conservation.

To plan, organize and supervise various programs, projects and research activities involving shellfish and marine finfish within the marines waters of Rhode Island for the protection, development and effective utilization of these resources.

As directed, to act for the Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife in his absence regarding marine issues.

To plan and direct the work of assistants engaged in making survey and/or studies related to collection of data on marine sport and commercial fishery resources, population concentrations, mortalities, predators and other physical, chemical and biological factors affecting the management and utilization of these resources; to recommend management programs to stabilize and enhance natural populations of marine fish, shellfish and crustaceans to effect maximum sustainable yield.

To plan and supervise a shellfish management program through the establishment of shellfish management areas and transplanting of shellfish from polluted areas.

To be responsible for the collection, interpretation and evaluation of marine fisheries data and information obtained from surveys and studies, and to make recommendations to the Division Chief.

To consult and advise various private, state and federal officials and organizations in the marine fishery conservation field.

To serve as federal aid coordinator for marine fisheries programs and to recommend and draft various projects which may be eligible for federal grants

To direct a public relations and educational program to promote a better understanding of the management initiatives and objectives of the division regarding a marine programs.

To prepare plans and implement programs for the development of marine fishing areas.

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To prepare plans and implement programs for the development of marine public fishing areas.

To represent the state at local, regional and national meetings dealing with natural resource and marine fisheries conservation subjects.

To prepare regular and special reports and an annual budget as required for the operation of the marine section of the division.

To work closely with law enforcement personnel in the preparation of fishery regulations and in matters relating to the management and conservation of fishery resources.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of marine fishery and shellfish management and the ability to apply such knowledge in planning, directing and administering a statewide marine fish and shellfish resource management program; a working knowledge marine fish and shellfish resource management program; a working knowledge of the life history, anatomy, classification, physiology and ecology of the marine fish, crustaceans, shellfish, and flora of the marine environment common to Rhode Island; a working knowledge of the state marine fishery laws and the ability to interpret and apply such laws; the ability to plan, coordinate, direct and evaluate the work of subordinates in the conduct of conservation resource programs and the ability to implement sound management programs for the effective utilization of the state's resources; the ability to recommend and draft projects which may be eligible for federal grants; the ability to supervise and train subordinate staff members for the marine fisheries program; the ability to handle fiscal matters, prepare annual marine fisheries programs; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with federal and state agencies and officials and with the public; a demonstrated ability to effectively communicate division policies and practices regarding marine fisheries issues; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in Fishery Biology, Marine Biology or any of the specialization Biological Natural Resource Programs; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a supervisory and/or administrative position involving the management and conservation of marine fishery programs.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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